

**STAAR ALTERNATE 2 MEDICAL EXCEPTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Personnel Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

If the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee has previously determined that a student meets the eligibility criteria for STAAR Alternate 2 and the student is being considered for a medical exception designation, the ARD committee must discuss the eligibility criteria below. At least one of the specific medical conditions listed below should describe the medical condition of the student. Additionally the ARD committee must discuss the three assurances. All of these assurances must be initialed by district personnel in order for the student to receive a medical exception. Students qualifying for a medical exception will not be required to participate in the administration of STAAR Alternate 2 for any course or subject for which they are enrolled in the current year. A score code of 'M' must be recorded for all tests the student would have taken.

**Specific Medical Condition Eligibility Criteria**

- The student is in the final stages of a terminal or degenerative illness.
- The student is receiving extensive short-term medical treatment due to a medical emergency or serious injury in an accident.
- The student is unable to interact with peers or educators without risk of infection or contamination to himself/herself or others.
- The student is receiving non-academic homebound services due to medical issues and does not receive academic instruction.

**Discuss and Initial Assurances**

If the medical condition of the student is described by at least one of the eligibility criteria, the ARD committee must discuss the following assurances. All three assurances must be initialed by district personnel for the student to be eligible for the STAAR Alternate 2 medical exception. The ARD committee must ensure the medical exception is documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP), and this form must be included in the IEP.

\_\_\_\_\_ The medical incident or condition must be so severe as to prevent the student from participating in instruction offered at school, at home, at a hospital, or at a residential facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ The information used to make the medical exception determination must reflect the student's situation just prior to and throughout the testing window.

\_\_\_\_\_ The medical incident or condition must be identified and verified in writing by a licensed physician and kept on file by the local district.